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24th July 2003

Chris McCarthy
3 Alma Road
Wimbledon

Dear Mr. McCarthy,



Southern Tree Surgery

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Site Address: Copse Hill SW20.

Introductory Details

Clients Name	Chris McCarthy.
Inspection Date	18/07/003.
Inspected By	Simon Bennett.

Authority.

Further to your instructions and our site meeting, we have now carried out our site inspection and have pleasure in submitting our report.

Objectives and Scope of Report.

To survey and report on Age, Class, Condition and viability of 13 Mature Castinia Sativa (Sweet Chestnut) with regard future management or necessity to remove.





This report concerns the possible present and future (3 years) effect of these trees for the owner/occupiers of this land and the general public, with regard to:

TREE SAFETY. Both to personnel and the general public. The trees have public footpaths running underneath them. Adjoin a busy Road (Copse Hill) and a service road for the Hospital.

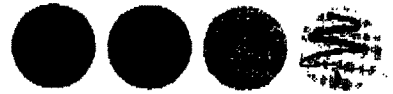
FUTURE MANAGEMENT

The viability and desirability of retention.

AMENITY VALUE, AETHSETIC and VISUAL IMPACT. With regard to current good Arboricultural practice and British Standard 1998. On Tree Surgery Works. Public Perception. Visual Importance and Historical Significance. Only the 13 Castinia Sativa have been assessed.

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**Site description**

The property is a large modern Hospital Building built in the last 50 years (Atkinson Morley Hospital). The Hospital land is being sold off. Thirteen (13) Castinia Sativa all of approximately similar Age Class Condition and Dimensions

Age Class Over Mature**Diameter @ 1.5m 0.7-1.1 meters****Height 16 meters****Condition In Need Of Remedial Works****Previous Growth Good****Annual Shoot Extension Normal****Comments**

Many of the Chestnut have shed some bark at the base although have produced good wound response growth. All have normal leaf growth and Twig extension for Trees of this age. Some are slightly thinner in the Crown than others although this may be due to differing rates of decline and position.

I have seen nothing that would lead me to believe that the trees are in any way unstable. There are a number of dead and dying branches that do pose a hazard to pedestrians and traffic on both sides.

These trees hold a very prominent position on Copse Hill which is a rather busy cut through to Wimbledon Village.

The Trees can be viewed by 100 – 120 Residential Properties, pedestrians, Cars using Copse Hill and the clients of the Atkinson Morley Hospital.

Given their size and condition the Trees must be considered to be of Very High Amenity value to the area in general.



Conclusions

The Trees show no signs of being unstable so therefore do not need to be felled on grounds of safety, especially under the 5 Day Rule.

The Trees are in need of remedial Works to attend to the many dead branches spread through out the Crowns; these dead branches do pose a hazard to both the users of Copse Hill and the Hospital.

It may be prudent to remove One or Two of the worst affected specimens while carrying out remedial works.

I would fully recommend a management plan being written and twice yearly return Surveys. A program of replanting coupled with phased removal over the next 15 – 25 years to lessen the Visual, Environmental impact and the loss of local Amenity.

Regards.

Simon Bennett.